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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PK, MARR

SUBJ: PAKISTAN INDIAN OCEAN POLICY

1. DEPARTING MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL (UNITED NATIONS) BHATTY, WHO HAS ALSO BEEN CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR INDIAN OCEAN AFFAIRS, TELLS US GOP IS SERIOUS ABOUT INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL RATIO IDEA PUT FORTH IN INTERVIEW BY FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI (ISLAMABAD A-196) AND INTENDS TO PURSUE IT IN UN AD HOC INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE COMMITTEE AND IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH IO LITTORAL POWERS AND OTHERS CONCERNED.

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH POL COUNSELOR, BHATTY SAID PRINCIPAL PAK CONCERN WAS FEAR THAT MAJOR POWER WITHDRAWAL FROM IO WOULD LEAD TO INDIA NAVAL DOMINATION OF AREA. HE RECALLED THAT GOP HAD SOUGHT TO USE UN FORUMS TO LEAD OTHER LITTORAL COUNTRIES TO TAKE GREATER ACCOUNT OF NEEBDFOR ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD FORESTALL THIS. PAK STRATEGY, HE SAID, HAD BEEN "INFORMALLY" TO SUGGEST AMENDMENTS TO IOPZ DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD EMBODY THIS APPROACH AND TO DECLINE TO CO-SPONSOR PROPOSALS WHICH FOCQBED  
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EXCLUSIVELY ON BIG POWER PRESENCE. HE EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION

WITH THE SRI LANKA POSITION ON THIS ASPECT, ATTRIBUTING IT TO  
GSL UNWILLINGNESS TO OFFEND INDIA. BHATTY ALSO TOOK OCCASION  
TO REITERATE GOP'S NON-OPPOSITION TO DIEGO GARCIA.

3. PAK CONCERN WITH INDIAN DOMINANCE OF IO (WHATEVER BASIS THIS  
MAY HAVE IN ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL INDIAN NAVAL STRENGTH) IS FURTHER  
REFLECTION OF GOP FEAR OF BEING "LEFT ALONE" IN AREA WITH A LARGER  
POWER WHICH PAKS ARE CONVINCED HAS HEGEMONIC REGIONAL AMBITIONS.  
AUSTRALIANS HERE, WHO HAVE FOLLOWED BROADER ASPECTS OF PAK IO  
POLICY CAREFULLY AND ARE NOW PREPARING FOR AIRING OF SUBJECT IN  
FORTHCOMING WHITLAM-BHUTTO TALKS, SEE AGHA SHAHI INTERVIEW AS  
INDICATIVE OF "FORMALIZATION" AND "DIGNIFYING" OF LINE PAKS TOOK  
IN AD HOC COMMITTEE. THEY ARE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY THIS;  
THEY HAD NOT BELIEVED THAT THE PAKS WOULD PERSIST IN A SCHEDULE  
SO PATENTLY UNWORKABLE.

4. WE WILL SEEK TO FOLLOW FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF PAK THINKING  
ON THIS SUBJECT. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO US IN THIS CONNEC-  
TION TO HAVE ANY ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT AND USUN MIGHT GIVE US  
OF PAST AND FUTURE GOP STRATEGEMS AS SEEN FROM WASHINGTON AND  
NEW YORK.

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